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Applicants: Edmund F. La Gamma et al.

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Sir:

PETITION FOR A TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

A Final Office Action was issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 2, 2002 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the October 2, 2002 Final Office Action was originally due January 2, 2003. Applicants hereby request a two-month extension of time for responding. The fee for a two-month extension of time is \$205.00 for a small entity. Applicants have previously established small entity status. A check for TWO HUNDRED AND FIVE DOLLARS (\$205.00) is enclosed herewith. Thus, a response to the October 2, 2002 Final Office Action is now due March 2, 2003. However, March 2, 2003 falls on a Sunday, therefore a response filed on the following Monday, March 3, 2003, is considered timely. Accordingly, this Petition is being timely filed.

Applicants are concurrently filing a Notice of Appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner in connection with the above-identified application.

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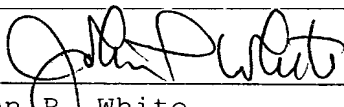
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No fee, other than the enclosed \$205.00 fee, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Petition. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,

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